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(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Tijuana Homicides Hit Record High in 2016

(U) Tijuana – 2016 was the most violent year for Tijuana, with over 900 homicides due to drug-related violence. Tijuana's previous highest record of homicides was reported by authorities at 844. 2016 has broken all previous records and has registered a rise of 36 percent in the number of homicides in 2016 compared to 2015 when the city registered 670 homicides.

SOURCE: 5 January 2017, [IBT](#), [San Diego Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Illinois – Four Teens Held in Connection with Kidnapping After “Facebook Live” Torture Video

(U) Chicago – Four Chicago-area teens were being held Wednesday after a Facebook Live video showed what appeared to be the beating and torturing of a bound and gagged man with mental health challenges while his attackers yelled anti-white expletives. Chicago police said they expect to file charges today against the two men and two women. Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson called the video a “brutal act” that was “broadcast for the entire world to see.”

SOURCE: 5 January 2017, [NBC News](#)

(U) Massachusetts – Data Breach Reports Available Online

(U) Boston – Hundreds of data breaches affecting thousands of Massachusetts residents were reported to the state in 2016. The Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation announced that it was making reports of potential identity theft available to the public on its website, which previously could only be accessed by a public records request. State law requires that any company or other entity that keeps personal information about a Massachusetts resident notify state officials, as well as affected customers, any time that information is compromised – either by accident or an intentional act.

SOURCE: 3 January 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) New Hampshire – Fentanyl Deaths Have Spiked Across the US

(U) Concord - Fentanyl – the deadly synthetic opioid that is quickly catching up to heroin as one of the most abused drugs – has been killing people at extraordinary rates. In the small state of New Hampshire, where there are typically less than 20 homicides a year, more than 400 people died from drug overdoses in 2015, according to FBI crime data and New Hampshire officials. Around 70 percent of those were linked to fentanyl, according to the New Hampshire State Police Forensic Laboratory. The death rate from synthetic opioids, which include fentanyl, increased by about 72 percent between 2014 and 2015, according to a new CDC study. Law enforcement sources believe fentanyl is largely to blame.

SOURCE: 4 January 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Canada – Police Investigating Possible Cyber Threat Against Utility

(U) Toronto – A cyber attack on an archaic, unused IP address at Canadian electric utility Hydro One

could be part of a broader hacking campaign, security experts say. The chief security officer of Hydro One said the electricity provider was contacted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on 29 December, alerting them to an IP address in their system that had been targeted by hackers.

SOURCE: 4 January 2017, [The Star](#)

(U) Egypt – Four Arrested in Connection with Church Bombing

(U) Cairo – Egyptian police have arrested four people in connection with the bombing that killed dozens of Christians at Cairo's Coptic Christian cathedral last month, the Interior Ministry said yesterday. At least 25 people, mostly women and children, were initially killed when a bomb exploded in a chapel adjoining St Mark's Cathedral, the seat of the Coptic papacy. The Health Ministry said yesterday the death toll had climbed to 28. The Interior Ministry said it had arrested one of the two along with three others who were part of the same cell and who planned to carry out more attacks.

SOURCE: 4 January 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Greece – Police Arrest Woman Tied to Group Responsible for 2007 US Embassy Attack

(U) Athens – Greek police today arrested a militant whose Revolutionary Struggle group has carried out more than a dozen armed attacks, including one on the US embassy in Athens in 2007. Police said Panagiota Roupa, 48, on the run since 2014, was involved in many of the attacks by Revolutionary Struggle, a group which declared war on all forms of government in 2003. Roupa is the partner of Nikos Maziotis who is in jail for attacks claimed by the group, including a car bomb that damaged the Athens stock exchange in 2009.

SOURCE: 5 January 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Nigeria – Three Girl Suicide Bombers Gunned Down in Northeastern Nigeria

(U) Madagali - Self-defense fighters yesterday killed three girl suicide bombers targeting a market in northeastern Nigeria, civilian and military officials said. They blamed the Boko Haram extremist group for the attempted bombing. The civilian fighters who work alongside the army challenged the girls as they approached a village near Madagali town, officials said. The girls began running at the checkpoint and the fighters shot the girl in the lead, activating her explosives and killing her and a companion. The third girl tried to flee and was gunned down.

SOURCE: 5 January 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) Philippines – Terror Group Leader Killed, three Others Captured in Sarangani

(U) Kiambi – Joint government operatives killed a leader of an armed group that had pledged support to the Islamic State in Syria and the Levant (ISIL) and arrested three of its members in an operation today in the Sarangani province. The Polica Regional Office-12's deputy regional director for operations said fugitive suspect Mohammad Jaafar Sabewang Maguid alias Tokboy was killed in an encounter in Barangay Kitagas, Kiamba. Maguid is the founder and leader of the Ansar Al-Khilafah Philippines, which had been blamed over a string of terror attacks in Sarangani and the neighboring areas these past years. Recovered at the site were various high-powered firearms and a black flag bearing an ISIL logo.

SOURCE: 5 January 2017, [Manila Bulletin](#)

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